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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to determine need for existing Tiger Bay Electrical Power plant and nominal electrical capacity increase to that plant by Florida Power Corporation.

DOCKET NO. 971059-EI

FILED: OCTOBER 2, 1997

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-1091-PCO-EI, issued September 19, 1997, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff has no witnesses at this time.

b. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no exhibits at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Will Florida Power Corporation's Tiger Bay facility, and the 12 MW increase of steam electric capacity contribute to the electric system reliability and integrity of Florida Power Corporation and Peninsular Florida?

POSITION: Yes.

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ISSUE 2: Will Florida Power Corporation's Tiger Bay facility, and the additional 12 MW of steam electric capacity contribute to the provision of adequate electricity to FPC and Peninsular Florida at a reasonable cost?

POSITION: Yes.

ISSUE 3: Has Florida Power Corporation demonstrated that its Tiger Bay facility, and the additional 12 MW of steam electric capacity is the most cost-effective alternative available?

POSITION: Yes.

ISSUE 4: Are there any conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to Florida Power Corporation which might mitigate the need for the Tiger Bay facility, and the additional 12 MW of steam electric capacity?

POSITION: No.

ISSUE 5: How will the additional 12 MW of steam electric capacity at the Tiger Bay facility affect the stipulation between FPC, the Office of Public Counsel, and the Florida Industrial Power Users Group in Docket No. 970096-EQ?

POSITION: No position at this time, pending further review of discovery.

ISSUE 6: Based on the resolution of the previous factual and legal issues, should Florida Power Corporation's petition for determination of need for the Tiger Bay facility, and the 12 MW increase in steam electric capacity be granted?

POSITION: No position at this time, pending resolution of the previous issue.

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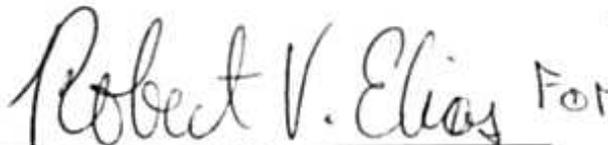
e. Pending Motions

Staff knows of no pending motions at this time.

f. Compliance with Order No. PSC-97-1091-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of October, 1997.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that one true and correct copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by U. S. Mail this 2nd day of October, 1997, to the following:

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